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SUBJECT: SOARES STATEMENT AFTER GISCARD MEETING

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1. FRENCH TV CARRIED SHORT STATEMENT BY SOARES AFTER HIS
ONE HOUR MEETING WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD EVENING
SEPTEMBER 24.

2. SOARES SAID FRANCE IS NOW MAKING "GREAT EFFORT" TO
HELP PORTUGAL AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT EUROPEAN

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COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO ASSIST HIS COUNTRY SOON. HOWEVER,

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE POINTEDLY DECLINED ELABORATE NATURE OF FRENCH AID, SAYING ONLY THAT "THAT IS WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT."

3. ASKED ABOUT THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL, SOARES SAID THAT IT WAS TEMPORARY IN SENSE THAT IT WOULD REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL NEW ELECTIONS HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE SEEKING ELYSEE WORKING LEVEL APPOINTMENT FOR BACKGROUND GISCARD/SOARES MEETING. HIS PUBLIC STATEMENT TENDS TO CONFIRM REFTTEL, I.E., THAT GISCARD DID NOT OFFER SIGNIFICANT BILATERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT THIS POINT.

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